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SUBJECT

The possibility of being forced to return to the USSR is worrying some of the "fair weather" Soviet citizens in Tsingtao, who have stated privately that they will relinquish Soviet citizenship if the issue is forced. Lelchitsky, while giving the impression that he is envious of those Soviet citizens chosen to return in the first group, states that he will probably not be repatriated but will remain in Tsingtao as the Torgpredstvo representative. (Tsingteo note: Of all the Soviet citizens in Tsingteo he would probably lose most under a Communist government. The reason he gives for remaining in China is a face saving device.)

- 2. The Reverend Sinaisky is actively spreading pro-Soviet propaganda by visits to the homes of Tsingtao Russians (Soviet citizens?). (Shanghai note: A Tientsin source has reported that Sinaisky was proceeding to Tsingtao with instructions to stop the mass surrender of Soviet papers.)
- 3. Because the economic situation of the Soviet Association continues to grow more critical, Dorofeyev has appointed a new finance committee consisting of A. Gerasimov, K. Rogozhin, N. Prunsienko, and K. Rusin. Their chief duty will be to raise funds for the Association.

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